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**To:** Devonport City Council  
**Subject:** Representation about Planning Application PA2022.0024 from Sally Ling

To Whom it May Concern

I would like to take this opportunity to lodge an objection to Application No. PA2022.0024 at 133 Middle Road, Miandetta.

The application states it is a 7 lot subdivision. However, I also note that the future plans of this subdivision is to further subdivide LOTS 4, 5 and 6 into a 72 lot housing estate.

Having read the available documents, it states none of the tree species or animals impacted are endangered. This is purely because at this stage their environment is intact and established. Particularly the animals, they will only become endangered when we continue to take away their habitat. By releasing a statement saying they are not endangered is not enough because they aren't endangered...until they are. Until we finally take that last amount of forest or land away from them which pushes them towards endangerment. Each parcel of land we take away from them is slowly creeping towards this occurring. I also note from the Impact Statement that Grey Goss Hawks have been spotted nesting in this area. To destroy the habitat of this creature would be disgraceful.

As it is we already have too many displaced animals who have their environment torn away and made to find alternative places to live. You think....they are only wallabies, birds, lizards but then where do they go? People build houses in areas that wallabies used to live, the wallabies come and eat their lawn and their gardens and then people get upset about it. We need to stop impacting on their environments so they can continue to live in peace. You have already allowed the desecration of landscape near the homemakers centre. How much more of the natural environment will be allowed to be demolished before enough is enough. These creatures do not have a voice and it is our responsibility to look out for them. Put yourself in their shoes. Invaders come and decide they want to clear a massive area of land including your house. They come in and demolish everything. Where do you go and live? This is the same for them. It is our job to protect them and their habitats.

Having said that, I understand progress is necessary. There is a housing shortage and our city is growing. I am not against development. If this development is to go ahead and you are not willing to save the green belt earmarked for housing lots, please consider putting in a ruling to set aside 3 adjacent blocks of land to remain public open space. This will enable the animals to remain in a small section of their own environment. I have recently travelled to NSW and ACT and witnessed first hand the forward thinking Councils over there. Googong in NSW is a town which has been made from scratch and it was a pleasure to experience. A huge portion of the town is dedicated public open space and housing lots have stipulations that home owners must plant out their front gardens in a timely manner. The result of this is a forward thinking environment which is taking nature into account. [Googong's green side | Googong](#)

The other area I have had the privilege to witness first hand is Taylor in ACT. Again, this is a new subdivision which has been built with the environment in mind. Again there are huge amounts of public space with trees, water ways and stipulations on home owners to plant and lots of Council tree plantings. Both these Councils have the foresight to understand the impact flora and fauna have on our environment and the importance of maintaining it. It would be great if the Devonport Council could start becoming

environmental front runner. In today's climate we need to be thinking towards the future. You have the ability to place stipulations on all new home builders ie environmental impact of houses built, ensuring houses have water tanks to reduce the stress on stormwater, placing stipulations of the amount of plantings each new house should have. You are able to lessen the negative impact these subdivisions have on the environment – this is your responsibility to forward think for the future.

The final point is the impact of traffic in the area. The middle road overpass is already at capacity. You have another subdivision in the process near the Homemakers Centre as well as the proposed shopping centre. This is going to push the traffic situation over the edge. Unless you already have plans in place to fix this issue, another new subdivision is just going to be chaos and accidents just waiting to happen. The road is barely coping with the current amount of traffic. To add more to this is ridiculous without having a plan in place to fix this situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward this statement. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards  
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